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PATENT

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In re Patent Application of:
Hagopian et al.

Serial No.: 10/710,801 ^{801 M}

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For: **PRODUCT COMPRISING A THIN-FILMED
RADIATION-CURED COATING ON A THREE-
DIMENSIONAL SUBSTRATE**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This document responds to the Final Office Action mailed on October 19, 2005 (the "Office Action"). Claims 1-29 are now pending in this application. In the Final Office Action, the Examiner continued to reject claims 1-9, 15, 16, 19 and 28-29 on the grounds that they are purportedly anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) by U.S. Patent No. 6,231,931 ("Blazey '931"). The Examiner also continued to reject claims 10-14, 17-18 and 20-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blazey '931 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,746,535 ("Hasenour '535").

The Applicants have filed a Request for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action together with the required extension fee with this response.

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The Applicants thank the Examiner for his time in discussing this application over the phone. During this discussion, it was explained that the Blazey '931 reference does not disclose a process for a three-dimensional substrate as that term is used in the art of coatings. Thus, Blazey '931 does not disclose the Applicants' claimed invention. As requested by the Examiner, Applicants have submitted with this response a declaration of one of the inventors, Mr. David R. Hagopian, indicating that Blazey '931 does not teach the Applicants' claimed invention and does not teach a process related to three-dimensional substrates. Accordingly, the Applicants' respectfully request that the rejections of the pending claims be withdrawn and the pending claims be allowed.

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